There was a slight increase in the imports of matches into the State. The net imports of matches during the year amounted to 4,94,475 gross boxes against 4,76,064 gross boxes in 1922-23.

The total value of drugs and medicines imported was estimated at Rs. 37,66,500 as against Rs. 56,80,000 in 1922-23. The exports were valued at Rs. 32,93,131 as against Rs. 26,49,600 in the previous year. There was an increase in the imports of alizarine and aniline colours. The imports rose from 728 Mds. valued at Rs. 1,23,579 in 1922-23 to 1,585 Mds. valued at Rs. 2,06,050. The increase in the quantities imported is chiefly due to a further fall in prices caused by the reductions in prices of supplies received from Germany. The average value per pound of alizarine dyes was Re. 0-13-0 and of aniline dyes was Rs. 1-14-0.

Treasure:—

The total quantity of silver bullion imported last year rose to 4,79,820 ounces (troy) valued at Rs. 10,77,000 from 4,05,222 ounces (troy) valued at Rs. 11,14,361 in 1922-23. The increase in the imports of silver during the past 2 years is chiefly due to a fall in price. The price of silver has steadily gone down from Rs. 94-4-0 per 100 tolas in March 1922 to Rs. 80-14-0 in March 1924. The total quantity of gold exported from the State during the year ending March 1924 was 3,61,631 ounces (troy) valued at Rs. 2,45,39,130. The total output of gold in the State during the calendar year 1923 was 4,22,501 ounces as against 4,29,559 ounces in 1922 valued at £1,754,895 and £1,789,432 respectively. The average market price of gold in 1923-24 stood at Rs. 67-8-0 per fine ounce as against Rs. 68 in the year before.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Director of Industries and Commerce.

EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

Notification No. D1. *Dis*, 110, *dated* 11*th April* 1925.

In virtue of the power delegated to him by Government in their Notification No. Fl 485—Ex. 61-21-13, dated 19th July 1923, the Excise Commissioner hereby prohibits, under Section 9 of the Mysore Excise Regulation, V of 1901, the transport of arrack in any quantity by any person from any of the shops comprised in the area where a lower rate of duty is levied into the area where a higher rate of duty is levied.

2. In the City of Bangalore (which includes, for levy of duty on arrack, a radius of 5 miles from the Municipal limits of City and Civil and Military Station) and also in Mysore City and in the Bowringpet Taluk, the higher rate of Rs. 6-8-0 is levied on a gallon of arrack of 35° U. P. and in the rest of the State, the lower rate of duty of Rs. 5-8-0 is evied.

3. This prohibition will come into effect from 1st July 1925.

4. Any person infringing the above will render himself liable to prosecution under Section 55 of the Excise Regulation.

V. R. THYAGARAJA IYER,
Excise Commissioner in Mysore.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

Memo No. J. C. 373—24-25, *dated* 14*th April* 1925.

The Superintendent of Industries, Shimoga District, is appointed Examiner of all Motor vehicles which are intended to be let or to ply for hire in this district and he is authorized to examine them as laid down in para 4 of Form "G" of Mysore Motor Vehicles Rules, 1924, and grant certificates of their fitness for use on the road.

A. K. SYED TAJ PEERAN,
District Magistrate.